

World War II. His service showed his tremendous courage, and he was a member of our country's Greatest Generation.

After his distinguished service in the Navy, Kalman was a small business owner before retiring to Berkeley Township, New Jersey.

The son of Hungarian immigrants, Mr. Gurzo passed away at the age of ninety one on January 23, 2015 in Toms River. He is survived by his daughters Kathy Sciscione and Mary Ellen Tramutolo, his son Michael Gurzo, his brother Paul Gurzo, and his seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously grateful for Mr. Kalman Gurzo's service to our nation. It is my honor to recognize his life and achievements before the United State House of Representatives. May he rest in peace.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL- SOUTH IN RIVERVIEW, FLORIDA

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commemorate the opening of BayCare Health System's St. Joseph's Hospital-South in Riverview, Florida. This \$225 million project will forever change healthcare in South Hillsborough County, and I am excited to see the positive impact the hospital will have on the Riverview community.

Community-owned BayCare Health System consistently upholds a standard of excellence in Florida. From private rooms with full bathrooms and in-room family areas to patient entertainment centers and Internet access, St. Joseph's-South is bringing the newest innovations in healthcare to South Hillsborough County. No detail was overlooked in the construction of St. Joseph's-South.

Riverview is a fast growing community in Florida's 17th District, and St. Joseph's-South's 352,000-square-foot campus is not only an exciting new healthcare option but also a catalyst for hundreds of jobs in the community. Since the Franciscan Sisters of Alleghehy came to Tampa from New York to open the first St. Joseph's Hospital in 1934, St. Joseph's has been synonymous with quality healthcare that focuses on the patients first. South Hillsborough County is thrilled that BayCare is bringing St. Joseph's outstanding reputation to Riverview.

I would like to congratulate St. Joseph's Hospital-South president Scott Smith, his staff, and all the supporters of BayCare Health System on such a significant milestone in the history of South Hillsborough County. The hard work and dedication of everyone involved with the project made St. Joseph's-South a reality, and the new hospital will further highlight the great services that BayCare provides the community and lay the groundwork for a bright future.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF BRAVO 369 FLIGHT FOUNDATION

HON. SUZAN K. DeLBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Ms. DeLBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Bravo 369 Flight Foundation and their current project, "Warplanes to Siberia." Additionally, I want to recognize the efforts of the project's co-founders, Craig Lang and Jeff Geer. Mr. Geer, who serves as the President and Chairman of the Bravo 369 Flight Foundation, will pilot his own plane as part of the project. I applaud their work to educate and inspire the next generation of aviation enthusiasts.

"Warplanes to Siberia" is a historical re-creation of the Alaska-Siberia air route (ALSIB) with both American and Russian pilots flying together in formation to celebrate the end of World War II. It will commence in 2015 and follow the exact flight route from Great Falls, Montana to Krasnoyarsk to Moscow, flying the same types of aircraft used 70 years ago. The project is intended to pay tribute to the men and women of the United States, Russia, and Canada who were involved in this effort during the war, and to bring awareness to the significance of their work.

The Alaska-Siberia air route was used to deliver warplanes to the Eastern Front of the war effort as part of President Roosevelt's Lend-Lease policy, and contributed to the success of the Allies in World War II. The re-creation of the flight route will be documented for educational and broadcasting purposes, and accompanied with school, airport, and museum visits.

I want to commend the Bravo 369 Flight Foundation and their continued work on the "Warplanes to Siberia" project, celebrating past achievements and building strong relations for the future.

LNG PERMITTING CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 351, which would create arbitrary and rigid deadlines for Department of Energy (DOE) approval of LNG exports. Rather than speeding up the approval process, this unnecessary legislation would likely force the Department to deny projects because they will not have the time to fully consider their impacts.

The Department of Energy is one of two agencies that must approve LNG export terminals. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must first approve the terminal infrastructure, and then DOE must consider whether or not each facility's exports are in the national interest. That DOE review encompasses a number of considerations, including the environmental and domestic energy price impacts.

DOE has been working to refine this process and has approved several terminals, dramatically increasing the amount of LNG that will be exported from the United States. This shift in U.S. energy policy, from import to export, requires a complete review of the cumulative impact. For example, we should carefully monitor and control methane leakage along the natural gas supply chain, which has a potent impact on climate change. And a number of domestic manufacturers have expressed concern about the impact of exports on energy prices here at home.

I am not opposed to some responsible expansion of LNG exports, but it must be done in a way that protects the environment and American taxpayers. The Department of Energy has been charged, rightly, with protecting the public interest in this process. We should not arbitrarily short-circuit that critical effort. I urge a no vote.

HONORING VITO MARCANTONIO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is important to pay homage to those who have left an indelible mark on the community and the country as a whole. Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio, whose distinguished career in office spanned 3 decades, is most deserving of posthumous commemoration.

Vito was born on December 10, 1902 to Italian parents in East Harlem. After graduating from NYU Law School in 1924, Vito became Fiorello LaGuardia's campaign manager and protégé till 1934, when he was first elected to congress, filling LaGuardia's vacant seat in the House of Representatives.

Following defeat in 1937, Vito was reelected to the House in 1939 and served his East Harlem community in the House till 1950. His long-standing neighborhood presence, accessibility and responsiveness made him an extremely popular figure with the public. This powerful bond allowed Vito to build a strong coalition with a diverse political constituency.

As a legislator, Vito was a staunch defender of the civil rights of Italian Americans during World War II and of African Americans in the 40's and 50's. Vito advocated for the desegregation of Washington D.C. and in 1945 introduced a House resolution directing the Secretary of Commerce to investigate the employment practices of major league baseball clubs to determine if they were discriminating against African Americans. He was also known as the "de facto" representative of Puerto Rico in the House and led the drive to try to defeat the anti-union Taft-Hartley Act.

Vito passed away in 1954 and was buried in the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. He now rests there next to his beloved wife and community activist, Miriam Sanders. On Saturday, August 9th, 2014 the Vito Marcantonio Forum hosted a commemorative event on the 60th anniversary of his passing at the gravesite. Their remembrance was important and well deserved.